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**AFTER FINAL RESPONSE  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3367**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0170-05

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                          |
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| Juergen A. KORTENBACH       | ) | Group Art Unit: 3734     |
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| Application No.: 10/612,005 | ) | Examiner: Diane D. Yabut |
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| Filed: July 3, 2003         | ) |                          |
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| For: FLEXIBLE ENDOSCOPIC    | ) | Confirmation No.: 3367   |
| SURGICAL INSTRUMENT FOR     | ) |                          |
| INVAGINATION AND            | ) |                          |
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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the final Office Action dated August 7, 2008, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.